Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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"...Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Dear Friend,

Although the calendar says that Donate Now spring has arrived, I am currently watching a fresh blanket of snow fall outside of my window on this last day of March. However, regardless of what I see I know that warmer days and season of rebirth а is coming!

Here at SFJ we are excited about new life in Jesus! One year ago, our ministry partner in Lesotho reached out with an urgent request for a shipment of shoes. Due to many challenges includina covid restrictions, their needs are great. It also gets extremely cold in the mountains of Lesotho, and all of these hardships created a wide open door to sharing the Gospel in areas that were resistant before. We responded in faith by sending a shipment and now we are receiving testimonies and photos of new life in Sign up today and take advantage Jesus!

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Stroll For Soles on June 25th Registration is OPEN!

Join us for our 2nd Annual, "Stroll For Soles," at Fox River Park in Waukesha. You can walk, roll or push a stroller in honor of the lives we are serving; and signs will be posted along a 1 or 2 mile route to help explain why shoes are so valuable in Africa. Food trucks, games and activities for kids are all included in this fun event!

Register Now

Chief Seboka Lesotho in shared this with us after a recent shoe distribution. "It is an honor to have you in our village. You came with a message of hope and shoes for my family and our whole community. You even offered me a new pair of shoes and encouraged me as the shepherd of this flock. I did not consider that as a Chief I have a calling to lead my people in faith. Thank you for the gospel books that you gave to us and for showing us the way to Jesus. Many of us accepted Jesus as our personal Savior and we give thanks for the goodness of God to us!"

glory for using To God be the the simple gift of shoes to open hearts to the greatest gift of all; life change in Jesus! Last week we gathered to pray over our shipment to Guinea and I was overwhelmed with gratitude for each person who helps make this possible. May God bless you for being a part of this mission!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer Founder, Executive Director Soles For Jesus of our **Early Bird Discount** while it lasts! You can register online or call us at 414-365-1392. All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

REGISTER at SolesForJesus.org			
	3/30 - 5/10	5/11 - 6/14	6/15 - 6/25
INDIVIDUALS	\$25	\$35	\$40
CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 14)	\$10	\$10	\$15
FAMILIES	\$70	\$85	\$95
TEAM (8 or more)	\$175	\$210	\$250

Sponsorship Opportunity -

Are you an individual, business, or organization that would like to help sponsor the, "Stroll For Soles?" There are several options to choose from and it's a great way to promote your business and show your support. To learn more about event sponsorships, contact Grant at <u>Gniemann@SolesForJesus.org.</u>



Click photo to VIEW 2021 highlights!



Praise the Lord for new life in Lesotho!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Des Moines Christian School, IA -

Thank vou Shawn another shoe organizing drive with your daughter, Callie, at Des Moines Christian School in Iowa and May God continue to bless the for exceeding your goal! They also with Kyra partnered at Novus Mortgage to bring in over 3,000 pairs this year! We can't thank these families and school community enough for being the hands and feet of Jesus. 3,000 lives will be touched by God's love because you gave and we are so grateful.

Testimony From DRC-East

We praise God for the distribution of shoes to nearly 1,700 people in the city of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Many families from this area have been displaced and are refugees from wars and victims of the May 2021 Nyiragongo volcano.

After hearing God's Word at a distribution, shoe recent many people experienced the love of God through the gift of shoes asked to baptized. and be and many opened Eves were salvation accepted in Jesus! Some shared that they Thacker for never saw a church that preaches without asking for offerings and who distributes shoes for free. people of North Kivu and transform lives. View their more photos HERE.



God bless the hearts of the



Thank you families of DMCS and Novus!

CrossWay Church, Germantown -What a joy to be a part of the Crossway Seniors event. Cynthia enjoyed sharing the SFJ mission with everyone who came. We are also grateful for those who helped deliver 454 pairs of shoes that were donated which will touch many lives in Africa! God bless you all.



Cynthia with the CrossWay Seniors.

Lexington Christian Academy, Kentucky - These sweet kids from LCA came up with an idea to start

children!

Messages for YOU From Eswatini

"I am wearing my new pair of shoes that I got from Soles For Jesus and I'm very happy for what these brothers and sisters in America have done for us. I had no idea where I would get warm shoes for this winter. The need for shoes is very big here in Mcuba, because shoes here are very expensive. Thank you for thinking of us and for giving us this wonderful gift of shoes. May God bless the hands in America that have given us these shoes. You are really used by God, thank you very much." - Vusi Dlamini



Vusi thanks you for his shoes!

"We thank God for His greatness and for what He has done for us here at Mcuba. We've never had someone share the message of Christ with us. My two children were very sick and now they are healed by God and I have great the, "Paper Club". They made creative crafts using paper and donated all of the proceeds to help ship shoes to Africa! We love this innovative idea and the generosity of these kids. May the Lord bless you all!



Lexington Christian's "Paper Club"

New Life Assembly in Sparta, WI - We appreciate all of the families of New Life A/G for doing a shoe drive and for delivering a truck full of 800 pairs of shoes! Many in Africa will be so blessed by your kindness and we are grateful for your support to share God's love.

peace! To the people who gave us these shoes, may God multiply His goodness to them, and may they never stop doing this good work for others who are needy like us." - Ntombi Dlamani View more photos <u>HERE</u>.



God Bless you, Ntombi!

Update from Liberia

Our ministry partner in Liberia, Sister Weeks, recently distributed shoes at an orphanage and school City. The "Children in Kakata Future Program," is owned by a widow named Christiana. Many of the 53 children living here were orphaned during the Ebola virus epidemic from 2014-15. Christiana and the kids survive each day by the mercies of God and blessings from groups like SFJ. The kids expressed their iov and thankfulness to God for the shoes. Join us in praying that Jesus would continue to supply all of their needs. View more photos HERE.



Thank you New Life in Sparta, WI!

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)

Join us by volunteering at a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can help Sort and Organize Shoes at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare shoes for shipment to Africa.

New volunteers are always welcome but you must sign-up! We will have a brief orientation before each event. Please contact Yenh at (414)365-1392 or <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> to reserve your spot(s) and to sign-up for a date and time.



CHILDREN FUTURE PROGRAM AND ORPHANANGE KAKATA CITY, MARGIBI COUNTY Motto: "We Are The World"

We are thrilled to welcome our newest SFJ State Representative, Maria Hufana, from the state of California! Maria learned about



SFJ when her church began a shoe drive. She was already working in a local ministry and was praying for an opportunity to support missionary work. Finding SFJ was an answer to prayer!

"I was curious about SFJ, so I visited the website. After reading their purpose and mission, my heart immediately embraced their

April

Saturday, April 2nd, 9-11am

Tuesday, April 5th, 6-8pm Saturday, April 9th, 9-11am Thursday, April 21st, 9-11am Saturday, April 23rd, 9-11am Saturday, April 30th, 9-11am

May

Saturday, May 7th, 9-11am Saturday, May 14th, 9-11am Thursday, May 19th, 9-11am Saturday, May 21st, 9-11am Tuesday, May 24th, 6-8pm Saturday, May 28th, 9-11am



Thank you Northshore Congregational Church and friends!

SOS: "Business Hours" Volunteers can also during come weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day; it's entirely up to you and please feel free to brina friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff will be available to provide support.

ministry and I was filled with a desire to do the same," Maria shared.

Since then, Maria's church has become a collection site and the Sacramento Golden State Lions have started an ongoing signature project called, "Soles for Humanity Shoe Drive." We're so grateful to have these partnerships in CA!

Maria, a retired teacher, shared this beautiful verse with us: Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spirit fervor, serving the Lord. – Romans 12:11

Thank you, Maria, for your heart for God's people and for being a blessing to SFJ. We appreciate you and pray God's abundant blessings over you!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in South Sudan, David



Mamush. David grew up in a Christian home and was saved at the age of 11. He has spent his life working for the church in various capacities. Anytime David would look for other work, God would speak to him in his dreams and **SOS Group Event:** Schedule а special date to host your own group! Are you a part of a sports team, small group, or club in your work, church, school, or community? Volunteering together organize to and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or by calling (414)365-1392 to set up your group.

Join Our Prayer Team From Your Home!

We would love to have YOU on our prayer team! Just send an email to <u>Info@SolesForJesus.org</u>, and we will send you our prayer newsletter. You can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home and you'll also receive a bi-monthly edevotional written by our Director of Prayer, Kristen Adam!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

direction. "Therefore, provide decided to work for God for the rest of my life whether in times of hardship or personal need," David scripture shared. The that encourages him is Psalm 23:1-6, "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

David shared this testimony from a recent shoe distribution. "The Soles For Jesus ministry in South Sudan has had a tremendous impact in spreading the message of God's hope and love. At a time like this when people are lamenting, we use this time as an opportunity to spread the Gospel. In one village, a young girl was touched with a message attached on the shoes that said, 'God loves you.' She was so excited and cried out, 'God loves me! Jesus loves me!' She was attending school without shoes, but God surely answered her prayer."



We count it a privilege to pray!

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David asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for David, his wife, Mary and their children, Joshua, Abraham and Joyce
- Strength and endurance to lead the EHC team

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